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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the UK Government has set out a strategy for the 21st century (Department of Health 1999). The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is the process of maintaining and enhancing the health, participation and security of older people. The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is the process of maintaining and enhancing the health, participation and security of older people. The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is the process of maintaining and enhancing the health, participation and security of older people.

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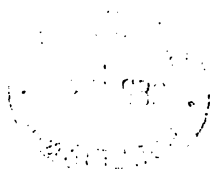
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PREFACE.

THIS volume is meant to provide material for daily use in household worship.

As many such prayer-books are in use, an addition to their number can only be justified if it meets a want which existing ones do not supply. How far the following manual does so, the future alone can show.

It is the belief of some persons that a time is reached, in which the forms of devotion are naturally superseded, and when worship, "mostly of the silent sort," takes the place of articulate expression. This might be so were human beings a number of separate units, each living in a world of his own; but for a Family to dispense with "common prayer," is to abandon a practice, both helpful to their common life, and expressive of it.

The preface of a prayer-book is hardly the place, however, in which to vindicate at any length the pious custom of family devotion.

It is enough to observe, that whenever a merely intellectual view of the Universe and of Human Life is felt to be incomplete, the worship that dispenses with expression will be found to be inadequate—at least by those who live in sympathetic relations to their fellow-men. Nay, the act of social worship is one of those links which unite characters otherwise unsympathetic, and prevent their differences from widening into alienations of thought and feeling. In addition to this, it must be remembered that, when thought is silenced, and reason dumb before the problems of the universe, the feelings of the heart still grope after their infinite Object, and crave expression in language. Moral aspiration continues to live when speculation is paralysed; and spiritual life—far less affected than some suppose by the conclusions which the intellect may reach—is both nourished and strengthened by explicit acts of devotion. The baffled speculative mind should never retire to its fortresses of meditation, to brood over the mysteries it cannot solve. If it gives expression to its perplexity in an act of worship, it will be found that this relieves the pressure of the mystery, which still remains to elevate the worship.

There can be no fixed rule as to the materials or the form most suited for domestic

worship. These will naturally vary with the age, the culture, the character, and the temperament of those who use them.

Some, whose office it is to conduct the worship, will prefer the free utterance of the moment to the best liturgical directory; and of those who join in the service, many will derive more help for the duties of the day from an extemporaneous prayer, with its allusion to immediate wants, than from the most carefully constructed form. On the other hand, many find that they are never brought into the true spirit of devotion without the help of a form. The more familiar they are with it, the more easily do they forget that they are using it. There is no doubt that the main use of a liturgy—in addition to the order and reverence which it promotes—is its power of bringing each individual face to face with the Object of worship, undistracted by any other individuality.

The best prayers are the simplest, if they are at the same time expressive and full. The thought should never be involved, and yet it should not be commonplace. There should be nothing didactic, and nothing trivial. The triumph of perfect simplicity to which the writers of the old Church collect attained cannot perhaps be fully appreciated till one

tries to add another to the series. It will then be seen that to avoid intricacy and to escape familiarity, to be neither rhetorical nor conventional, neither wordy nor flat, is the great difficulty and desideratum. To attain to it—to construct a series of devotional forms that shall be solemn, earnest, and fervent, yet simple and natural in diction—it is above all things necessary that the subject-matter of the prayer be general, and not special ; the thought outlined, but not filled in ; and details suggested, rather than expressed.

Hence the form must be undogmatic. One great dogma—including some others within it—lies, of course, at the heart of all prayer ; but with the Divine nature on the one hand, and the human on the other, all the materials for devotion are supplied, and may be wrought out of their spiritual relations and affinities. The devout life is but the pulse of the human heart beating towards the Divine, and in the Divine, with all the varied relations of recognition, love, and trust which exist between them. Dogmatic thought, therefore (in the conventional sense of the term), ought to be rigorously excluded from family devotion, which should be the catholic utterance of human feeling and aspiration, broad as are the wants of humanity, and not overflowing

into any peculiarities of religious opinion. The more it keeps to the elements of experience, the greater the number of those able to join in it with hearty appreciation.

In opposition to this, some persons seem to think it advisable to recite their creed at household worship. Such a practice—whether the creed comes into an *ex tempore* or a liturgical prayer—ignores the difference between public, private, and domestic worship. We do not wish to see dogma excluded, in order to elevate feeling at the expense of doctrine, but because the hour of family devotion is not the fitting time for the recital of a creed. The latter custom has its uses; but the household altar is not the place, either for the mention of individual wants, or for the rehearsal of the collective faith of the Church. Standing midway between the unreserve of private devotion, and the legitimate explicitness of the Church, the forms of household worship—those *suspiria domestica*, which are perhaps the most sacred of family bonds—should be simple, general, and very comprehensive.

It will surprise no one who is familiar with the literature of Christian devotion that, in this volume, extensive use is made of those collects which the Anglican Church has incorporated in her Prayer-book; and that, in addi-

tion, they have a place by themselves. Probably no forms exist which are comparable to these collects in all the essential requisites of catholic devotion. By combining several of them into a single service, a connected but varied series is easily obtained.

Some, however, who have been accustomed to regard the arrangements of the Anglican Prayer-book as perfect, may dislike to find any portion removed from its old connection. Some rearrangement, however, is necessary ; and the order adopted in this volume was arrived at after a good deal of consideration, and comparison with other methods.

The ideal form of the collect (and of every prayer) is one which combines simplicity with depth, and sententious brevity with fervour. It should unite fulness and force of thought with compactness of form and directness of expression. It will have an additional charm if, to the undogmatic embodiment of human feeling, it adds a certain antique stateliness, combining a grave simplicity with archaic grace of phrase. It is this latter feature which gives to the prayers which possess it their more permanent character, inasmuch as it connects them with the past without losing hold of the present. Admirably embodied in the Anglican collects, it can scarcely be said

to characterise modern attempts in the same direction.

A few sentences of explanation may be necessary as to the arrangements of these services. They are divided into four parts. The *first*, which is the longest section, contains general prayers, which may be used on almost any occasion. The *second* contains the arrangement, in twelve services, of the Anglican collects, just referred to; and to these, ten are added, which have been already published for the use of children in Sunday-schools. As they appear in this volume, however, they are considerably altered. The *third* section is more particularly adapted for morning, and the *fourth* for evening worship.

In each service, introductory sentences of Scripture are printed before the prayers, which may be recited as a call to worship. When an additional portion of Scripture is read, this may be done before the introductory sentences are repeated; or these sentences may be dispensed with after the reading of the lesson.

It will be observed that the services are printed for *responsive worship*. This is an important feature, especially when younger members of a family join in the worship: their interest in a religious service being greatly increased by their taking an audible part in

it. The responses are always printed in italics. In addition to the "Amen" at the close of every prayer, many other portions of the service are arranged in antiphonal form, and are intended to be said alternately. The Lord's Prayer is invariably meant to be repeated by all in unison; and, whenever any other portion of the service is to be said by all, the fact is mentioned in the rubric attached.

PART FIRST.

**Prayers which may be used on
any Occasion.**

First Service.

GOD is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O send forth thy light and thy truth, let them lead us.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light.
In thy light shall we see light.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, in whom we have our being, who in thy light hast revealed thyself unto us, but whom in our darkness we cannot comprehend, grant that we may think worthily of Thee as we ought to think, and may renew thine image in us, according to the pattern of thy Son Christ Jesus, and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast made thy children to be one in the knowledge of thyself, grant that they may also be joined together in unity of spirit, and of holy desire ; that they may serve Thee, in quiet freedom ; and that, in their whole spirit, soul, and body, they may be temples, fit for Thee.

Amen.

III.

A LMIGHTY God, who hast set us in the midst of many and great dangers, grant us the spirit of watchfulness and prayer, that we may walk without reproach in the paths of life, and be preserved from any sudden fall into those evils which so easily beset us. Make us strong in all wisdom and virtue, according to the pattern of thy Son, and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU, who hast ordained that our life on this earth shall be a struggle, from the beginning even unto the end, so guide and order that struggle, we beseech Thee, that at the last, what is good in us may prevail over

what is evil ; that everything may be brought into harmony, and that God may be all in all.

Amen.

[Together.]

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Service.

IF thou seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek for him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

The Lord is good unto all them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Blessed be the Lord God, who turneth not away our prayers, nor his mercy from us.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, we render thanks for thy constant goodness and unfailing care. And we beseech Thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercy, enabling us to express our thankfulness, not only by

our words, but also in our lives. Continue, we beseech Thee, thy goodness towards us; that we, on whom thy mercy has descended, may serve Thee in newness of life, and in righteousness, all our days.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we acknowledge our failures and defects; we humbly confess our errors and our sins; but, forasmuch as Thou delightest to show mercy, we beseech Thee to pardon and absolve us, to deliver us from the burden of transgression, and to release us from the power of our sins.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast taught us that it is not in the abundance of the things which we possess that our true life consisteth, help us to set our affection on things eternal, to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, to put our hope in Thee, and above all things to love Thee with true hearts fervently, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

IV.

O GOD our Father, who makest mankind to dwell together in families, grant that in our household conversation we may be loving, helpful, and comfortable one to another, rejoicing with those that do rejoice, and bearing one another's burdens, that so we may fulfil the law of our elder Brother, thy Son, Christ Jesus.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

O LORD, Thou hast searched us and known
us.

*Thou hast beset us behind and before, and
laid thine hand upon us.*

Whither shall we go from thy Spirit? or
whither shall we flee from thy Presence?

*If we ascend up into heaven, Thou art there :
if we make our bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.*

If we take the wings of the morning, and
dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

*Even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy
right hand uphold us.*

If we say, Surely the darkness shall cover
us ; even the night shall be light about us.

*Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee ; but
the night shineth as the day : the darkness and
the light are both alike to Thee.*

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live and move and have our being, who art within our thoughts and our desires, Thou art nearer to us than any creature, yet we cannot by searching find Thee out. Thou art farther from us than the east is from the west; yet Thou revealest thyself on every side, and in all places of thy dominion. Grant unto us, who now feel after Thee, the inward succour of thy Spirit. Send us help from above, and show unto us thy heavenly light. Keep us from the folly of thinking that we know Thee fully, and from the sorrow of imagining that Thou art too great to be known at all. May our thoughts of Thee be just and true, and our feelings toward Thee full of reverence and love.

Amen.

II.

EXAMINE us and prove our hearts, we beseech Thee; and destroy all the evil that is in us. Deliver us also from all idolatry and falsehood, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from timidity, slothfulness, and want of purpose,—that we may walk before Thee in

simplicity and sincerity all our days. Help us to look up ever trustfully to Thee: and in the love that casts out fear, may we live and labour unto the end.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

Fourth Service.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God : for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Wherewithal shall we come before God, and bow ourselves before the most high God ?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good : and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God ?

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, we come before Thee with lowly thoughts and feelings, because we have lived with so little thought of Thee.

We have not understood the law of our life, neither have we known our highest good. Custom has blinded our eyes ; passion and prejudice have kept us in the dark. We have mistaken evil for good, and good for evil ; we have groped in the darkness, and dreamed that we walked in the light.

Have mercy upon us, good Lord.

Knowing thy truth, we have failed to obey it. We have approved of what is good, and yet followed what is evil. Our resolutions have broken down, our vows have been forgotten, and we have been weak against temptation. O God, we are ashamed of our weakness and our folly ; and yet we come to Thee, for Thou forgivest the iniquity of thy servants, and rememberest not their sin.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

We believe in thy mercy. Thou art our salvation ; Thou art also our hope. O Thou, who art the fountain of purity and righteousness, unto Thee do we look for that better life which we long to reach. From thy mercy cometh our strength, to be hereafter upright and true : to be just, and merciful, and holy. Help, O Lord, the upward strivings of thy servants, that we be not henceforward swayed, to the right hand or to the left, by those things which in past

times have led us astray, and destroyed our peace.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, who giveth help to the children of men.

We look to Thee with hope, for the mercies which our brethren need. Thou art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. We believe that all shall yet know Thee, from the least unto the greatest; and we pray that wrongs and oppression may cease from the earth, that men may live together as brethren.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, the hope of the children of men.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

THE Lord God is a sun and shield.

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Let us give thanks unto the name of the Lord:

And let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.

O Lord, open Thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Let us Pray.

I.

BLESSED be thy name, O God, our strength, our hope, and our salvation. In thy presence we cast from us all care and anxiety. We would think of Thee alone, until our hearts are purified from evil and our wills inclined to serve Thee in newness of life. May no cloud of ignorance or of sin now hide Thee from our eyes, while they are uplifted to re-

ceive thy light. Thou givest strength to all who wait upon Thee, and never failest to bless the soul that strives to do thy will. We therefore come to Thee with hope. Thy grace is sufficient for us, and thy strength is made perfect in our weakness. Be thou glorified as the God of our salvation, and we shall be glorified by losing our wills in thine.

Amen.

II.

LORD of purity and of strength, may we by thy grace attain unto that which is highest and best for each of us. Manifest Thyself, O Thou infinite and eternal One, within the souls that now lift themselves up to Thee: and help us to lay hold of all good thoughts, words, and works, to forsake whatsoever is evil, and to cleave to all that is good.

Amen.

III.

IF we have erred—be it in our thoughts, be it with our words, be it by our works, be it willingly, be it against our will—we beseech Thee to forgive us: and teach us wherein it is that we err, that so we may overcome our faults, and out of weakness be made strong.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

IV.

GRANT us pure aims and high resolves ;
that all our purposes may be in harmony
with thy will. We would work while it is
day, redeeming the time ; for the night com-
eth, in which we cannot work.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

O THAT men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works unto the children of men.

Thanksgiving, and honour, and glory, and might be unto our God for ever and ever.

Lift up your hearts.

Unto God most high we lift them up.

Let us Pray.

I.

WE thank Thee, Lord of heaven and earth, for our life: for its origin and its destiny, known to us and unknown. We bless Thee that we live and move in Thee, surrounded, upheld, and pervaded by thine omnipresence; and for whatsoever we receive from Thee, through thy creatures which minister to our wants, for every good thought we have known, for any right feelings we have

cherished, and for the least good deed that we have done, we give Thee thanks.

*Not unto us, not unto us, but unto the Lord
our God be the glory, ever world without end.*

II.

O THOU, who art the life of all that lives, the strength of the weak, the help of the helpless, and the hope of those that be cast down, inform our minds with thy truth, we beseech Thee, and fill our hearts with righteousness; strengthen our wills to choose the good, and to refuse the evil. Help us to bear each other's burdens, to forgive one another's faults, and to forbear with every defect of judgment and of temper, in those with whom we live, and who daily help us in so many ways.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who hast so ordered our life upon this earth, that we must eat bread in toil and sorrow, grant us thy peace, we beseech Thee, in the midst of our perplexities. Help us to believe in the light that cometh after the darkness, in the peace that succeeds the storm, and in the hope that ariseth out of despondency. We draw near unto Thee, O most Mighty, beseeching Thee, out of weakness

to make us strong, in tribulation to keep us patient, and in all changes to preserve in us a cheerful spirit. And if we may not pass our time in rest and quietness, may we fight the good fight, learning how to endure, that we may in due time obtain the crown of life that fadeth not away.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

THE hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Lord lift Thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly.

Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Let us Pray.

I.

SPIRIT of truth, guide us into all truth, we beseech Thee. Scatter our darkness, and let the light of thy countenance be around us for ever. In thy wisdom make us wise.

Amen.

II.

CREATE clean hearts within us, cleanse us from secret faults, strengthen us by thine almighty power, and establish our lives in righteousness.

Amen.

III.

WE would not spend our strength in lamentations; we would arise to do thy will. Save us from all that is morbid, and all that is foolish; make us natural in our desires, earnest in all our purposes, and in our whole life sincere, and without guile.

Amen.

IV.

WE consecrate ourselves unto Thee. We dedicate our lives unto thy service. Guard our going out, and our coming in. Let thy Fatherly hand be over us, in sickness and in health. Guide us by thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us to thyself.

Amen.

V.

WHEN we are weary of work, and think it fruitless, when the light of our life has become dim, and our duty is hard because it

seems unprofitable, help us, O God, we beseech Thee, to think of thy patience and long-suffering, that so we may again take up our labour and our burdens, and persevere with them unto the end.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth !

Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Thou art the high and the holy One, who inhabitest eternity.

And of Thee, through Thee, and to Thee, are all things.

The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let the earth rejoice, and the inhabitants thereof be glad.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee :

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

Thou judgest the world with equity,

And the people with thy truth.

Thy righteousness standeth fast, like the strong mountains ;

And thy mercy endureth for ever.

Thy faithfulness also continueth to all generations ;

All thy commandments are sure.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty;

Just and true are thy ways, Thou King of saints.

Let us pray.

I.

O LORD our Lord, whose tender mercy is over all thy works, and whose loving-kindness is better than life, every good gift is from Thee, and Thou makest all things work together for our good ; therefore, our trust is in Thee. O Lord, we beseech Thee to raise our minds above the things which are seen and temporal, and to enlarge our hearts that they may rise to those things which are unseen and eternal. We beseech Thee to confirm our hope in Thee, and to widen our love, that, being thus inspired, we may live as the children of the light, and as the servants of righteousness, all our days. Fill our souls with thy charity, we pray Thee, that, being kindly affectioned one towards another in brotherly love, we may do good to all as we have opportunity.

Amen.

II.

NOT as we would, but as we are able, do we now draw near unto Thee, beseeching Thee to revive and to quicken us, for, by reason of our weakness, we are drawn continually downwards to the earth. Strengthen us with thy might by thy Spirit in the inner man, that we may walk steadfastly and uprightly before Thee all our days.

Amen.

III.

CREATE in us clean hearts, O God ;
And renew right spirits within us.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts ;

Try us, and know our thoughts ;

And see if there be any wicked way in us,

And lead us in the way everlasting.

O send forth thy light and thy truth ;

Let them guide us in the doing of thy will.

Oh that our hearts were directed to keep thy statutes ;

Then shall we not depart from thy commandments.

Thy Spirit is good.

Lead us into the land of uprightness.

IV.

DEFEND us, O Lord, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come unto thine everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

THE Lord hath showed us what is good, and
what he requireth of us ;

*Even to do justly, and to love mercy, and to
walk humbly with our God.*

In every nation, he that feareth God and
worketh righteousness is accepted of him ;

*And he that seeketh findeth, and to him that
knocketh the kingdom of heaven is opened.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who
walk in the law of the Lord ;

*Who take heed unto their ways, and walk
without guile before him.*

Who seek the Lord with their whole heart ;

*And delight in his law after the inward
man.*

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Let us pray.

I.

WE lift up our hearts, O God, in the confidence of prayer, and we draw near unto Thee in hope. When our souls aspire after Thee, hungering and thirsting for thy righteousness, Thou revealest thyself within us. Teach us to know and to rejoice in thy presence, and evermore to seek conformity to thy will. In the following of thy light, and in obedience to thy law, are life and joy to thy creatures everywhere. We would find our treasure now and always where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, even in thy heaven and in thyself. So shall we become like unto Thee, and shall abide in thy peace.

Amen.

II.

ALmighty God, whose will it is that we should be conformed to the image of thy Son, enable us, we beseech Thee, to put away the covetousness which is idolatry and the selfishness which is sin. Grant also that we may cease from anger, clamour, and evil-speaking, and from all malice. May we be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us.

Enable us not only to renounce that which is evil, but to pursue that which is good, and to abound in every Christian grace.

Amen.

III.

INCREASE in us that Faith by which we shall see Thee, who art invisible, and by which we shall be enabled to endure trial and to resist temptation.

Lord, increase our faith.

Increase in us the Hope which maketh not ashamed, even the hope of deliverance from evil, and of being purified as Thou art pure.

Lord, increase our hope.

Most of all, we beseech Thee to increase in us that Charity which is the fulfilling of the law, and the bond of perfectness, through which we attain unto fellowship with Thee in the life eternal.

Lord, increase our charity.

Grant, most merciful Father, that these things being in us, and abounding, we may bring forth fruit with patience, being fully furnished unto all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And unto Thee we ascribe the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.

Ever, world without end.

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Out of the depths have we cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear our voice: let thine ear be attentive to the voice of our supplication.

If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, O Lord, who should stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayst be feared.

And plenteous redemption that Thou mayst be sought unto.

Cause us to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do we trust.

Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk; for we lift our souls to Thee.

Let us pray.

I.

O THOU, whom we cannot see, but whom in the thick darkness we may always apprehend, manifest thyself, we beseech Thee, unto those who seek Thee now. Thou who revealest thyself to every trustful soul, who satisfiest the desire of all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, may our confidence in Thee bring rest to us, in this troubled life of ours.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who orderest the affairs of the world, we bless Thee for thy boundless mercy, thy perfect goodness, and thine inestimable love. Strengthen our weakness by thy power, and draw us ever onwards in the service of the truth, and in devotion to that which is right.

Amen.

III.

WE consecrate ourselves unto thy service, and dedicate our labour unto Thee, rejoicing in our work, because it is thy will. Grant that labouring in a strength that is not ours, and with a wisdom wiser than our own,

we may persevere unto the end ; though faint still pursuing, and apprehending that by which also we are apprehended.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Keep us from all hastiness of speech or of temper, from sloth, and from repining ; and in us let patience have her perfect work.

Amen.

IV.

WHATSOEVER things are pure and lovely, whatsoever things are gentle and generous, whatsoever things are noble and self-forgetful, honourable and of good report,—these things, O Lord, grant that we may with one accord pursue.

Search us, O God, and try our hearts.

Prove us and know our thoughts ;

And see if there be any wickedness in us ;

And lead us in the way everlasting.

We know not what a day may bring forth.

But Thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

O Thou who art the everlasting refuge of the sons of men,

In Thee do we put our trust.

OUR Father, &c.

Eleventh Service.

IT is good for a man both to hope and quietly to wait for the salvation of God.

We will direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

The Lord meeteth him that rejoiceth, and worketh righteousness; and those that remember him in his ways.

We will remember the works of the Lord; we will rejoice before him.

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD our God, Thou art our dwelling-place in all generations. God of our fathers, unto whom their children now draw nigh, aid us in our worship, we beseech Thee; and grant, that as the anchor of our hope is cast within the veil, our hearts may be carried thither in fellowship, and in the tranquil worship of Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

LET thy light shine upon us, O Lord, even the light of thy righteousness, that we may see our own particular faults, and be enabled daily to amend our ways.

Amen.

III.

HELP us to walk in the light, and to live in the Spirit, as seeing him who is invisible.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Give us wisdom, that the judgment of our minds may be according to truth and soberness; and grant us discretion in the ordering of our lives before Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

From all error and inadvertence, from slavish fears, from foolish desires and worldly ambition,

Good Lord, deliver us.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do these things that be good and acceptable, we offer our humble supplications unto Thee, beseeching Thee to certify us of thy favour and graci-

ousness. Let thy fatherly hand be ever upon us ; and so lead us in the knowledge of thy truth, and obedience to thy will, that we may obtain everlasting life.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twelfth Service.

THE law of the Lord is perfect,
Converting the soul :
The testimony of the Lord is sure,
Making wise the simple :
The statutes of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart :
The commandment of the Lord is pure,
Enlightening the eyes :
The fear of the Lord is clean,
Enduring for ever :
The judgments of the Lord are true,
And righteous altogether.

Let us pray.

I.

O THOU who art the light of the minds
that know Thee, the life of the souls
that love Thee, and the strength of the
thoughts that seek Thee, help us so to

know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, whose service is perfect freedom.

Amen.

II.

JESUS said, "The first of all the commandments is this: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind."

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

"And the second is like unto it—namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

"There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

III.

O THOU who hast taught us that in love to Thee and to our neighbour we keep all the commandments, enable us to love Thee

with our whole heart, and our neighbour as ourselves; endue us with the graces of thy Spirit; kindle in us the fire of thy love; conform us to thy righteous will; and strengthen our weakness by thy power.

Amen.

IV.

DELIVER us from self-will, from blindness of mind, from hardness of heart, from frowardness of spirit, from foolish desires, from false ambition, and from forgetfulness of Thee and of thy law. Grant us the spirit of true religion, pure and undefiled; the spirit of meekness and forbearance, of modesty and contentment, of patience and humility. These things we ask, through him who has taught us to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Thirteenth Service.

GIVE unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.

Worship the Lord in beauty of holiness.

Thus saith the high and lofty One, who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

He that hath mercy on them shall lead them; even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Let us Pray.

I.

WE come unto Thee, O Father in heaven, with hearts troubled and weighed down by the memory and the burden of our sins.

We are ashamed of our offences, and we are humbled because of our transgressions. Of that which we ought to have done, but have not done; of that which we ought to have felt, but have not felt; of that which we ought to have spoken, but have not spoken; of all these things we repent, and turn to Thee.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

Of that which we ought not to have done, but have done; of that which we ought not to have felt, but have felt; of that which we ought not to have spoken, but have spoken; of all these things do we repent.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

II.

FROM evil thoughts, and low desires,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From covetousness, vainglory, and sloth,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From envy, malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From revenge, and the remembrance of injuries,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From self-love, and the forgetfulness of
benefits,

Good Lord, deliver us.

III.

O LORD our God, almighty and most merciful, let thy good Spirit dwell in us always, inspiring us with lofty purposes and with a steadfast reverence for thy law, that so we may have strength to serve Thee, with all diligence, in humility and singleness of heart; using faithfully in thy service whatsoever Thou hast intrusted to our care. May we be increasingly in union with all that is good, and increasingly at variance with all that is evil.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourteenth Service.

ACQUAINT now thyself with God, and be at peace.

Wherewithal shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the most high God?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

We have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy sons.

Come, let us return unto the Lord, and he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Blessed be the Lord God, who turneth not away our prayer, nor his mercy from us.

Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you.

Let us pray.

I.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, we, thine unworthy children, who have erred and strayed from thy ways, return unto Thee now with contrite hearts, beseeching Thee to forgive our sins, and to deliver us from evil. We remember our weakness, and we ask Thee to help us to lay aside all evil thoughts, words, and works, and to lay hold of all good thoughts, words, and works. May the power of every kind of evil be broken in us, and may the power of good be strengthened.

Amen.

II.

FROM foolish thoughts and false affections,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From anger and passion, from suspicion and envy, from harsh judgment and evil-speaking, from uncharitable thought, and from all impatience,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From acquiescence in our faults, and from fruitless sorrow because of them,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all murmuring at our lot, or repining because of the burdens laid upon us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From putting darkness for light, and light for darkness ; from calling evil good, and good evil ; from resisting thy Spirit, and yielding to temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From giving and from taking offence ; from arrogance and small-mindedness ; from timidity and rashness ; from self-assertion, and from following the multitude,

Good Lord, deliver us.

III.

O THOU who art the fountain of all blessedness, the everlasting spring of goodness, and the source of all righteousness, God of our fathers unto whom their children now draw nigh, let thy mercy be upon us, according as we hope in Thee. May thy Spirit guide us always ; and thy light go before us, to lead us in the right way.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifteenth Service.

SINCE the beginning of the world, men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides Thee, what Thou hast prepared for him that waiteth for Thee.

We all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

But now, O Lord, Thou art our Father, we are the clay and Thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand.

Let us Pray.

. I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such things as eye hath not seen nor ear heard nor heart conceived, who makest the blind to see and the lame to walk, and openest the prison doors to them that are bound, we lift up our souls to

Thee. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from all error and delusion, from evil habit and from every form of bondage ; that so, whether we are in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, we may render unto Thee a free and reasonable service all our days.

Amen.

II.

GRANT, we pray Thee, that we, whom Thou hast by thy mighty power set free, may evermore serve Thee with quiet minds, in fidelity and patience, taking up the burdens laid upon us, because they are thy will.

Amen.

III.

ALmighty God, who by thy holy inspiration dost enlighten and purify the minds of men, bringing them out of darkness and guiding them in the right way, send forth thy light, we beseech Thee, that we may walk without reproach before Thee, abiding in thy truth ; that all the evil that is in us may die, and all the good may live ; that we may be delivered from the power of temptation, and may at length attain unto everlasting life. Whether we are in sorrow or in joy, in dark-

ness or in light, may we rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. These things we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Sixteenth Service.

THE Lord be with you,
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think toward you. Ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me, with your whole heart.

Thy blessed and gracious face would we seek continually.

Let us pray.

I.

OTHOU Spirit of life and of truth, send forth thy light, we beseech Thee, that it may shine into our hearts at this hour, giving us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God; that we, who are here assembled, may worship Thee with one accord, in spirit and

in truth; and that the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, may be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Let the dayspring from on high visit us, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee.

Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast planted in us a desire to be freed from the bondage of things seen and temporal, grant that we may be increasingly delivered from their yoke; and, that we may be truly and always free, reveal unto us the power of those things which are not seen and eternal.

Amen.

III.

WE would walk through this world cheerfully and hopefully, seeking evermore to serve Thee with faithful hearts. Inspire us with the pure love of righteousness. Help us to resist what is evil, and to cleave to that which is good. Give us a wise and understanding heart, to do thy holy will. Grant us the spirit of graciousness and true humility, that in lowliness of mind we may esteem others as better than ourselves. Help us to

bear each other's burdens, and to do good to all as we have opportunity, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventeenth Service.

LET us draw near unto God, in humble adoration of his glory, in thankful remembrance of his mercy, with sincere sorrow for our sin, with a true desire for repentance, and with full purpose of new obedience.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth ;

For the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Let us Pray.

I.

FATHER of the spirits of all flesh, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and whose strength is perfected in our weakness, help us to worship Thee. Thou who knowest the things that are in heaven and in earth, art acquainted with all our ways. The

secrets of our hearts are not hid from Thee, nor the sins that have escaped our notice.

Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee.

Thou despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor the tears of such as are penitent. Look in mercy upon us, who are burdened with the sense of our transgressions ;

And release us from the bondage of our sins.

Deliver us, we pray Thee, from blindness of mind and hardness of heart, from fretfulness, anxiety, and care, from all passion and prejudice ; and grant that we may henceforward live peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

II.

WE bless Thee for all thy gifts to us, and to our fathers ; for every blessing bestowed upon us, by which the lives of men have been enriched ; and for mercies still in store, which we and our children may receive. We remember, with thanksgiving, all those who in past times have benefited the world by their work, all teachers of truth and righteousness, and every soul that has been faithful to its light. We bless Thee for every worker who has done thy will, and entered into thy

kingdom; for all who have glorified Thee in the world, and finished the work given them to do, who now rest from their labours, while their works do follow them. May we, who now live and labour for a little while upon the earth, be followers of them, who through their faith and patience are now inheriting the promises.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, we beseech Thee so to rule and guide our hearts, that we may be preserved from all evil and danger, from selfishness and vainglory, from the covetousness which is idolatry, from excess and the pursuit of vanity, from foolish choices, unreasonable fears, and every form of bondage, that so we may serve Thee in freedom all our days.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighteenth Service.

WHO shall ascend into the hill of the
Lord ?

And who shall stand in his holy place ?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;

*Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.*

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,

*And righteousness from the God of his sal-
vation.*

Let us pray.

I.

OTHOU who dwellest in the light invisible,
yet revealest thyself to the soul that is
in darkness, Father of our spirits, we praise
Thee for all that Thou art in thyself to us un-
known ; and for all that Thou revealest from
day to day. For every creature of thine
that ministers to us in any way ; for our
parents, teachers, and benefactors ; for the ex-

amples of the past and the counsels of the present; for the way by which Thou art leading us; for thy voice in our consciences, thy law in our minds, and thy love revealed in our affections; for thine infinite mercies to our fathers; and for thy promises unto their children, receive, O Lord, the humble thanksgiving of our hearts.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who art the Lord and giver of life, quicken what is dead within us, we beseech Thee, and awaken that which is asleep; that so we may serve Thee in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. We resign our wills to thine; and while we confess the sins that weigh us down, we would lay aside every weight of care, anxiety, and fear, that so we may run with patience the race that is set before us.

Amen.

III.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast opened unto us the gate of righteousness that we may enter into thy kingdom and dwell therein, help us to walk before Thee in simplicity and sincerity all our days.

Teach us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and grant us submission to thy will. Bestow upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord. May we work while it is day, for the night cometh in which we cannot work.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU from whom we have come forth, and unto whom all souls return, we bless Thee that none of thy children on the earth live to themselves alone, that we all are members one of another, and that even when our friends depart from us, they live unto Thee, and unto us in thy presence. O Thou who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, our fathers trusted in Thee, and were not ashamed. Be Thou a light unto their children's children, we beseech Thee, even unto all generations.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Nineteenth Service.

THE way of man is not in himself alone ; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O send forth thy light, and thy truth : let them lead us.

Whom have we in heaven, O Lord, but Thee ?

And there is none in all the earth whom we desire besides Thee.

Let us pray.

I.

O GOD, giver of all good, and fountain of eternal mercy, in whom are the springs of our life, all glory, thanks, and praise be unto Thee for thine ever flowing goodness ; for thy faithfulness, which is from one generation to another ; for thy mercies, which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than

we can number ; for seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter, and night and day throughout the year ; for food and raiment and shelter ; for health and reason ; for childhood and age, and youth and manhood ; for thy fatherly hand upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death ; for friends and kindred and benefactors ; for home and country ; for thy Church and for thy Gospel,—yea, Lord, there is nothing for which we may not bless and thank Thee. Therefore do we call upon thy name, and pay our vows now in thy presence.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light ariseth for the upright, grant us grace in all our doubts and uncertainties, to ask of Thee what wouldst Thou have us to do, and a willing mind to do it straightway. May thy Spirit guard us from all foolish choices, and save us from all false preferences ; and in thy light may we see light, to the end of our days.

Amen.

III.

HELP us to turn from evil ways, and to watch lest we enter into temptation ; to persevere amidst all hindrance, and to do our duty with a faithful heart. Uphold us by thy free Spirit ; strengthen our weakness by thy power ; comfort us by thy love ; guide us continually by thy light, and lead us in the right way ; so shall we serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twentieth Service.

GOD is a Spirit : and they that worship him
must worship him in spirit and in truth.

*Wherewithal shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before the most high God ?*

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good ;
and what doth the Lord require of thee, but
to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with thy God ?

Let us pray.

I.

ALmighty God, in whom we live and
move and have our being, we bow down
before Thee reverently, while we lift up our
souls in trust. Thou art our God, and we
will praise Thee ; our fathers' God, and we
will exalt Thee. Thou hast been our dwelling-
place in all generations, an everlasting refuge

for all the children of men. We are of the dust, and turn to dust again ; but in this will we rejoice, that, while we change from day to day, there is that within us which changeth not, which groweth not old nor fadeth away ; even that which is the life of our lives, and the soul of our souls, for in Thee we live and move and have our being.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who leadest us by a way we know not, deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from all the evils which we know. From vain imaginings and foolish fears, from wandering desires and vacant purposes, from the ambitions that entangle and perplex, good Lord, deliver us.

Amen.

III.

STRENGTHEN us with all might by thy Spirit in the inner man. Be Thou in us a fountain of light and of gladness, of inspiration and strength, that so we may walk before Thee with a single eye and a true heart ; and may persevere from day to day, with earnestness and new endeavour, in the paths of life.

Amen.

IV.

O ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who in thine inscrutable wisdom art calling unto thyself one and another from among us, we pray Thee to prepare the living for death, and the dying for the life which cannot die, that so, whether we abide on the earth or depart from it, we may advance thy purposes concerning us, and may glorify thy name, both in this world and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-first Service.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Let us pray.

I.

SPIRIT of truth and of light, shine into our hearts, we pray Thee, now and at all times; illumine our minds with the knowledge of thyself; feed us with the bread of heaven, and nourish us with the water of life; comfort us in adversity, and guide us in the right way; that so we may walk undismayed through all the perplexities of this world,

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journeying ever onwards with serene and hopeful hearts; doing our daily work in all modesty, simplicity, and patience; bearing our burdens, because they are thy will; though faint, still pursuing; and labouring unto the end, in the practice of all the virtues of thy children, whom Thou hast called unto fellowship with thyself.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who hast taught us to lose our wills in thine, and thus to find them again transformed, breathe into us, we beseech Thee, the breath of thine own life, and ours shall be the peace that passeth understanding. Help us to yield ourselves to the inspiration of thy righteousness, that so all the evil that is in us may die, and all the good may live; and thine shall be the praise ever, world without end.

Amen.

III.

GUIDE us, O God, from day to day, that we may continue in the practice of all righteousness, knowing that Thou dost beset us behind and before. And, forasmuch as

Thou hast ordained that we should eat our bread in sorrow, grant that we may have increasing joy and rest in Thee, and may live as the children of the light, continuing steadfast and faithful unto the end.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-second Service.

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

He is gracious and full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great mercy.

Let us pray.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live and have our being, we bless Thee that we have neither to ascend up into heaven nor to go

down into the deep to find Thee, but that all day long thy hand is upon us, and thy right hand upholdeth us. We give thanks that, amid the changes of the world, we may always lift our hearts to Thee in hope. Grant that we may so know Thee, and rest in Thee, that even though we fall we may rise again, and find refuge in thy mercy.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we have sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed, and we acknowledge our sin; but we repent, and turn again with our whole heart, beseeching Thee to forgive and to regenerate us. We cast our burden upon Thee, entreating Thee to strengthen us, that in all time to come we may walk uprightly and work faithfully, and that we may labour patiently unto the end.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, by whose life alone we are upheld, grant that we may so use the world as not to abuse it, and so look upon the things which are seen and temporal, that through them we may also apprehend the

things which are unseen and eternal; and forasmuch as we are compassed round about by a great cloud of witnesses, may we lay aside every weight, and the sins which do so easily beset us; that so we may run with patience the race set before us, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain the crown of life, that fadeth not away.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-third Service.

EVERY good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light.

We lift up our hearts, with our hands, unto God in the heavens.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

He will show us the path of life: in his presence is fulness of joy: at his right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Let us pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we give thanks for thy loving-kindness and thy mercy. For the light of thy truth, and the comfort of thy love,

We bless Thee, O our God.

For our life on this earth, and the service to which we are called,

We bless Thee, O our God.

For the work we have to do, and for the truth that we may learn,

We bless Thee, O our God.

For the knowledge of thy will, and for power to do it,

We bless Thee, O our God.

For our homes and our work, for our friends and our country, for the joys that speak to us of Thee, and the sorrows that bring us to thy feet,

We bless Thee, O our God.

For thine infinite mercy to our fathers, and for thy promises unto their children,

Accept, O Lord, the humble thanksgiving of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE acknowledge and confess our sins. We humble ourselves because of them before Thee: and we beseech Thee to cleanse us from our faults, that ours may be the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Amen.

III.

GRANT us a new spirit of hope and of endeavour, of patience and of high resolve. With thy presence besetting us before and behind, we would fear no evil, but would rest in Thee, and wait patiently for Thee; that so, amid all the labour of our life, our hearts may be at peace, and amid the strife and conflict of the world, we may possess our souls in patience.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU who art the source of life and light to all mankind, shine on us, we beseech Thee, with the brightness of thy countenance,

that so, when the cloud and the shadow return, we may still discern the path of life, and walk therein. Let thy blessing rest upon our work and our repose, upon our going out and our coming in, upon our lying down and our uprising, from this time forth, even for evermore.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

PART SECOND.

**The Anglican Collects, and
Children's Services.**

SECTION FIRST.

THE ANGLICAN COLLECTS, ARRANGED FOR FAMILY WORSHIP.

First Service.

I.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed.

Amen.

III.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before

Thee: grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Second Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

V.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both

perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come ; grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same ; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

IV.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright ; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth ; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid ; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name ; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved ; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

II.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do ; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men ; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church ; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to

thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

I.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers ; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

LORD, we pray Thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name ; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee ; and grant, that those things which we have

faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

I.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants ; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent ; according to thy

promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake ; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom ; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies ; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries ; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who, through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us ; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

IV.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

I.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love ; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we pray Thee with great might to succour us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promise ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people ; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people ; that they, plentifully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plentifully rewarded ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

I.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth
peace, good - will towards men. We
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for
thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

Amen.

II.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all
places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy
Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore
with angels, and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy
glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and
saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory
be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickednesses, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot

ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us ; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eleventh Service.**I.**

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness ; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought ; and by the providence of thy good-

ness they may be dispersed ; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee,
O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend
us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twelfth Service.

I.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church ; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee ; mercifully grant

that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

SECTION SECOND.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES, ALTERED AND REARRANGED.

First Service.

ALL thy children shall be taught of the
Lord.

And great shall be the peace of thy children.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD, we come to learn of Thee ; grant
us the light of thy truth. We know
little of Thee, or of thy ways ; but we wait
and long for thy light, as those who wait for
the morning. Enlighten Thou our minds, and
we shall see Thee ; enlarge our hearts, and

we shall love Thee ; inspire our wills, that we may choose the good and refuse the evil. Rule our desires, and purify them from day to day ; sweeten our tempers ; and guide our feet in the way of peace.

Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, searcher of hearts, with whom evil cannot dwell, we confess our faults each one.

Do Thou forgive us, we beseech Thee.

We bewail our sins ; the burden of them is grievous to us.

Do Thou remove it, we pray Thee.

Correct us, and make clean our hearts ; help us to give to Thee the fulness of our strength, and the morning of our days.

Amen.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us.

As our trust is in Thee.

III.

O GOD our heavenly Father, most good and great, though we forget Thee, Thou ever rememberest us. What shall we render unto Thee for all thy benefits towards us ?

We would offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay our vows each one. Strengthen us that we may do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Help us, and all thy children throughout the world, to know and to love Thee, to worship reverently, and to serve Thee with a single heart.

Amen.

IV.

WE beseech Thee, O Father, to bless our work, that we may do it heartily as unto Thee. Save us from all carelessness and inattention, from all vanity and self-confidence, from all falsehood and fearfulness, that we may live as children of the light and of the day.

We will walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

V.

HEAR us, as we ask Thee to comfort every mourner, to relieve the sorrows of the needy, to give patience to all who suffer, to cheer the lonely and the forsaken ; and thine shall be the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Second Service.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto thy name, O Lord most high.

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

Let us pray.

I.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose love all creatures are made blessed, we give thanks for all that makes Thee known to us, and bless thy name for every gift of thine; for our parents and teachers, companions and friends; for our homes and our work, and all that makes us happy. We bless Thee for thy tender care; for thine eye upon us by day and by night; for thy Holy Spirit in our hearts; for thy correction when we err, and thy forgiveness when we repent; and for the

Saviour who turns us from evil ways to thy holy and blessed service.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

II.

O THOU who art our everlasting guide and help in time of trouble, lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake.

We wait on Thee, O Lord.

Help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Give us an honest and upright heart, to hate all meanness and dishonesty and lies, and to seek after whatsoever things are true and honest and just, pure and lovely, and of good report.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Keep our tongue from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile: may we be children of the light and of the day in all our thoughts and doings.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Save us from idleness and indolence: make us active and earnest in all good things.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

May it be our meat and drink to do thy will ; and more and more may we count thy service our true honour, and thy favour our chief joy.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

O COME, let us worship and bow down, and
kneel before the Lord our maker ;

*For he is our God, and we are the people of
his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Let us Pray.

I.

HUMBLY, O Lord, would we confess our
faults.

Have mercy upon us, good Lord.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

We have left undone things which we ought
to have done.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

And we have done things which we ought
not to have done.

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

H

Grant us the spirit of true contrition, and pardon us for thine own name's sake.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant that putting away all our sins, and casting all our cares upon Thee, we may be henceforth freer for thy service.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cleanse us from secret faults.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Inspire us with upright thoughts, pure affections, and holy desires; and preserve us from whatsoever is unworthy of the children whom Thou hast loved.

Amen.

II.

LIFT on us the light of thy countenance, O God, and give us peace. We pray Thee for a pure heart and a right spirit, that we may do that which is pleasing unto Thee. Make us careful not to offend in thought, or word, or deed. May we speak the truth always, and love it for ever. As we grow in years, may we grow in wisdom, and in favour with God and man. When we sin, do Thou forgive us; when we repent, do Thou restore us. When we wander, bring us back; and when we are careless, O Lord, do Thou cor-

rect us. In our sorrows comfort us, and in the hour of death, O Lord, deliver us and all thy people. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU who art the Sun of righteousness and the light eternal, giving gladness unto all things, shine upon us both now and for ever, that we may walk alway in the light of thy countenance.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

WE laid us down in peace, and slept :

We awaked, for the Lord sustained us.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY Father, great God of all the world, who dwellest in the light to which no man can approach; in whose presence there is no night, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day: we thy servants, whom Thou hast preserved during the past night, bless and glorify Thee for the protection of thy good providence, and we humbly beseech Thee that this day and all our days may be holy and peaceable. Give us, we pray Thee, thy Holy Spirit to be the guide of our way and

the guardian of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

II.

BREATHE into our souls, O heavenly Father, the love of whatsoever is true and beautiful and good. May we fear to be unfaithful, and have no other fear. Forgive us all our sins, and keep us from sinning again. Help us to remember that we are thy children, and belong to Thee. In thy service may we live, and in thy favour may we die; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness : come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and we are his.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good : his mercy is everlasting ; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Let us pray.

I.

ALmighty God, most merciful Father, we thank Thee for all that Thou art teaching us of thyself and of thy will. Show

us more and more what Thou art, and what Thou wouldst have us to do; incline our hearts to keep thy law. Enable us to love others as Thou hast loved us. Make us generous and kind to all, faithful in duty, truthful in speech, and sweet in temper. Bless our neighbours and friends, and may we all inherit that kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. O Thou whose property it is to have mercy, be gracious unto all men, and make thy saving health known among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD God our Sun, of whom light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart, illumine us, we beseech Thee, with thy Holy Spirit; and give us that pure and perfect wisdom which cometh from above. Enable us to walk before Thee in honesty and godly sincerity, and in all things to know and to do thy holy will.'

Amen.

III.

DEFEND us, O Lord, thy children, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy

Spirit more and more, until we come unto
thine everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

IV.

NOW unto him that is able to keep us from
falling, and to present us faultless before
the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory
and majesty, dominion and power, both now
and ever.

Amen.

Sixth Service.

I.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

We wait on Thee, O God.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord our maker.

Let us Pray.

[Together.]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of Jesus and our Father, help us to worship Thee.

Have pity on us, O God, for we have sinned against Thee. We have done things that are wrong; we have been selfish and unkind; we have forgotten Thee.

We are truly sorry for our sins; do Thou forgive us, we beseech Thee, for thine own name's sake.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

Satisfy us early with thy mercy ;

That we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is from everlasting to everlasting.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

We will rejoice and be glad in Thee, O God our God, for Thou art good. We lay down and slept, we awaked in peace, for Thou didst sustain us.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

II.

WE praise thy name, O God, for all that makes known to us thy power and goodness in this world ; for sun, moon, and stars ; for the great sea and the high heavens ; for fields, and woods, and flowers, and all that keeps us in mind of Thee.

O Lord, our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth !

But, above all, we thank and praise Thee, O Father, for thy Son Jesus Christ, who has

opened up a living way to Thee our Father, and who has taught us to believe in thy great love; we thank Thee for thy Holy Spirit, who is helping us to be thy children.

Glory be to Thee, O God most high.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

III.

O LORD God, who art our Sun and Shield, enlighten our minds that we may know Thee, inspire our hearts that we may love Thee, and guide our wills that we may serve Thee for ever. Make us children of the light and of the day: upright, simple, free from guile. Make us faithful and cheerful, just and kind to all. May we help and not hinder each other in the knowledge of Thee, and in the doing of thy will.

Hold up our goings in thy paths,

That our footsteps slip not.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein :

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
and who shall stand in his holy place?

*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor
sworn deceitfully.*

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye
lift up, ye everlasting doors;*

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord
mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors ;

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory ?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Let us Pray.

I.

O KING of glory, who dwellest in the high and holy heaven, but who visitest the hearts of the lowly, vouchsafe thy presence, we beseech Thee, unto us, now and for ever. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that we may stand within thy holy place. O Father of lights, send forth thy light upon us, with thy truth, which sanctifieth and maketh free. We ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, which is pure and peaceable, full of gentleness and mercy. May thy love rule within our hearts, thy righteousness direct our wills.

Teach us thy ways, O Lord.

II.

O THOU who changest not, amid the strifes of the world grant us thy peace ; in all its changefulness be Thou our stay ; deliver us

from its vanities, and enable us to find our chief good in Thee. Grant us the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord, and enable us to do good to all as we have opportunity. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and evil-speaking, be put away from us ; may we be kind-hearted, and learn to forgive one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us.

Amen.

III.

WE pray for all mankind.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For thy Church, dispersed through many lands ; for its ministers, pastors, and teachers ; and for its members everywhere.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For our Queen and Royal Family.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For all who bear rule in this and other lands.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For the sick, that they may be healed ; for the suffering, that they may be relieved ; and for all, that they may have patience in their trials.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For widows and orphans, and all bereaved persons, that they may be comforted.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For the dying, that they may depart in peace, fearing no evil, and live before Thee in thy heavenly kingdom.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

For all wanderers, that they may be brought back to Thee repenting, and find life in thy favour.

Hear us in thy mercy, O Lord.

That the light of thy countenance may shine on all the faithful.

We beseech Thee to hear us in all these our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit :
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn :
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek :
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness :

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful :
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart :
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers :
For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness' sake :

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

May this mind be in us, O Lord :

And may this blessedness be ours.

Let us pray.

[*Kneeling.*]

I.

O LORD our God, almighty and eternal Father, who givest to thy children liberally and upbraidest not, we bless Thee for thine everlasting goodness to us and to all men. We give Thee thanks for the world and all that is therein: for the sky above us and the earth beneath our feet; for the changing seasons; for our homes, our parents, and our friends. We bless Thee for thy tender care that guards us always, for thy wisdom and thy love encircling us for ever, and for all thy good creatures by which we are enriched, and which speak to us of Thee.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power;

For Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

II.

MOST of all do we bless Thee for Jesus Christ our Saviour, who hath revealed to us thy love, and hath taught us to trust in it for ever; we thank Thee that in him we find the truth and the life, and that by his obedience.

and death there is opened up to us a new and living way unto Thee our heavenly Father.

Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for thine unspeakable gift.

III.

O LORD our heavenly Father, who lovest us better than we know, show us thy love. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, all errors, neglects, and sins.

And from secret faults do Thou deliver us.

Teach us to know thy truth, to love what is right,

And to do it steadfastly.

May we fear to be unfaithful,

And have no other fear.

Teach us what Thou art, O Lord.

For in Thee we live, and move, and have our being.

We would walk in thy light, and be led by thy Spirit. In thy service may we live, and in thy favour may we die, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[*Together.*]

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

THE heavens declare the glory of God ; and
the firmament showeth his handiwork.

*Day unto day uttereth speech, and night
unto night showeth knowledge.*

There is no speech nor language : their
voice is not heard.

*There line is gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the
sun ; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out
of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man
to run a race.

*His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
and his circuit unto the ends of it again : and
there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting
the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple :

*The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing
the heart : the commandment of the Lord is
pure, enlightening the eyes.*

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Let us pray.

[*Kneeling.*]

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for thy care over us during the past night, and for all thy mercy, which is new every morning, and never fails. Save us this day, we beseech Thee, from all sin and

danger. Abide with us wherever we go, and give us thy help in all our duties ; grant that we may be mindful of thy presence, and in all things seek to please Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

HELP us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Help us to bear the yoke of Christ, and to be meek and lowly in heart.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Sweeten our tempers, and dispose us to be kind and helpful to each other, and to all men.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Make us kind in thought, gentle in speech, generous in action.

Grant us this grace, O Lord.

Teach us that it is more blessed to give than to receive : that it is better to minister than to be ministered unto, better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward.

Answer us in thy mercy, O Lord.

Deliver us from anger, hatred, malice, envy, and from all hard thoughts and unlovely manners.

Answer us in thy mercy, O Lord.

Make us of some use in this world; may we more and more forget ourselves, and work the work of him that sent us.

Answer us in thy mercy, O Lord.

May we grow in grace, and in the likeness of thy Son; and do Thou make us perfect at last, as Thou art perfect.

Answer us in thy mercy, O Lord.

III.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[*Together.*]

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

THE mighty God hath spoken, and called
the earth from the rising of the sun unto
the going down thereof.

We will hear what God the Lord will speak.

[*Together.*]

Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

[*All kneeling.*]

God spake these words and said: I am the
Lord thy God; thou shalt have no other gods
before me.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our
hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven
image: thou shalt not bow down to them nor
serve them.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our
hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not kill.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all

thy heart, with all thy soul, and all thy strength, and all thy mind.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

O God, who art true in all thy ways and righteous in all that Thou commandest, and who hast given us thy law as a light to our feet and a lamp to our path, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law. Forgive us our sins, we beseech Thee,

And keep us from sinning again.

Help us evermore to confess our faults,

And to conquer them.

Keep Thou the door of our lips. Suffer us not to incline to any evil thing. Save us, O Lord, from a proud heart and an angry spirit. From froward lips and wicked thoughts, good Lord, deliver us. Help us to watch and to pray that we enter not into temptation. Make clean our hearts, O God, within us. Each day we live may we become more upright, sincere, and without guile. And this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.



PART THIRD.

Morning Services.

First Service.

THERE be many that say, Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift Thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:

To show forth his loving-kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALmighty God, we bless Thee for the rest of another night, and that we awake this day in life, and in so much health and enjoyment. We beseech Thee to shine upon us, and teach us how to spend the coming day. May all we do be done honestly and faithfully. Give us strength and patience; and whether we succeed or fail, whether we are in joy or sorrow, may our confidence in Thee remain.

O Lord, in Thee have we trusted: may we never be confounded.

II.

BY fidelity and patience may all crooked things be made straight to us, and all rough places plain. Grant us true humility, and may our hope and courage never fail.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we beseech Thee to illumine our minds in the knowledge of thy truth, that we may approve the things that are excellent, and be thoroughly furnished unto all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Second Service.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place,
in all generations.

*And Thou art the same, yesterday, to-day,
and for ever.*

Unto Thee, O God, do we lift up our souls.

Thy precepts are a light unto us.

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD our God, great and glorious art
Thou; from everlasting to everlasting
Thou art God. We are of yesterday, and
know nothing; we are of the dust, and turn
to dust again: yea, our days are as an hand-
breadth, and our age as nothing before Thee.

Lord, what is man, that Thou art mindful
of him?

*Or the son of man, that Thou shouldest visit
him?*

II.

NEVERTHELESS, O Lord, we are thy children, and are not forgotten by Thee. In our weakness and littleness grant that we may set Thee always before us ; then we shall not be greatly moved. Help us to remember that though Thou art exalted on high, Thou hast pleasure in thy children, and hast chosen our spirits for thy temple.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,

That we should be called the sons of God.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we give Thee thanks for the light of another day, for the work we have to do, and for strength to do it. Guide us, we pray Thee, by thy truth, uphold us by thy power, and cleanse us through the continual indwelling of thy Spirit. Grant that by every opportunity we have, we may grow in wisdom, and knowing the things that belong to our peace, may obtain strength to persevere unto the end.

In submission to thy will may our purposes be formed, our labour carried on and ended ; and when we are weary of our work, may we continue to put our trust in Thee.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

OUR voice shalt Thou hear in the morning,
O Lord.

*In the morning will we direct our prayer
unto Thee, and will look up.*

We will come before Thee in the multitude
of thy mercies :

*And in thy fear will we worship, bending
low before Thee.*

Let us pray.

I.

BE gracious unto us, O Lord ; and that we
may be steadfast in the expectation of
thy mercy, grant us thy light alway.

Amen.

II.

WHEREINSOEVER we have erred and
strayed from thy ways ; whereinso-
ever we have come short, or done that which

we ought not to have done, graciously forgive us, we beseech Thee. Help us to turn from all evil to that which is holy and good. Teach us to love what is right, and to do it for ever.

Amen.

III.

O THOU who dost guide all the humble of heart, aid us by the continual inspiration of thy Spirit, that we may arise and depart out of whatsoever is old and dead to us ; and that, by a new and living way, we may attain to that which cannot grow old, but is alive for evermore. Help us to lay hold of that by which we are also upheld, while we apprehend that by which also we are apprehended. In newness of heart, and in the patience of hope, we would do whatsoever our hands find to do, redeeming the time, because the night cometh in which we cannot work.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

THINE, O Lord, is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.

And Thou art exalted above all.

We laid us down in peace, and slept; we awaked,

For the Lord sustained us.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, we thank Thee for rest, and health; for work to do, and strength to do it; and for all the surroundings of our life, that make it desirable and enjoyable. Do Thou raise our thoughts, and purify our aspirations. Strengthen our wills, we beseech Thee, on the side of what is right and good, and against what is wrong and evil.

Amen.

II.

PRESERVE and deepen our trust in Thee and in thy providence. Increase our confidence in thy love, wisdom, and justice; that so we may not live without God in the world.

Direct our thoughts and words aright this day, we beseech Thee. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, and be expressed in everything that we do.

Amen.

III.

BLESS all who are connected with us, especially those who may be in trouble or adversity, helping them to possess their souls in patience, and giving them, if it be thy will, a happy issue out of trouble.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

DRAW nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you.

He is not far from any one of us.

When Thou didst say, Seek ye my face,

Our heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will we seek.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee. Grant us a sense of thy presence now, that our trust in Thee may be real and abiding.

We ask for light and strength to do the work of this day faithfully, and patiently, and well. Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might. May we begin our labour modestly, and continue it in self-forgetfulness. Deliver us from all weakness and fearfulness, from want of purpose or

misgiving. Grant us simplicity and earnestness in our ways; and whether we succeed in our purposes or fail, may we be upright in heart before Thee.

Amen.

II.

WE bless Thee for thy goodness and thy care: they are everlasting; they are ever new. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. To Thee all wants are brought, and out of thy fulness do they receive. We bless Thee for the bread from heaven with which Thou feedest us, and for the spirit of uprightness by which Thou dost guide thy children in the right way.

Amen.

III.

LET thy loving-kindness come to us, good Lord, and abide with us, overshadowing our life and accompanying our path alway.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

O THOU who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, unto whom all flesh shall come,

We lift up our hearts to Thee.

We laid us down in peace and slept :

We awaked, the Lord sustaining us.

But we are strangers and pilgrims in the earth, as all our fathers were.

Hide not thy commandments from us ; make thy way plain before our face.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, the Fountain of mercy and Giver of all good things, we commend our whole life unto Thee this day. Be Thou our Ruler and Guide. Keep us from all things hurtful, and grant unto us whatsoever we need, alike for the body and the soul. Guard our going

out and our coming in, and prosper the work of our hands.

Amen.

II.

REMEMBER not our sins, O Lord,
Neither regard our offences.

Forgive our unworthiness,

And pardon us for thine own name's sake.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

And renew right spirits within us.

III.

O GOD, by whose light alone the souls of men are guided, and by whose strength they are upheld, direct us in all our work, we beseech Thee, and enlighten us continually by thy Spirit. Inspire us to new obedience, and quicken us in the ways of thy law. Grant thy blessing unto all mankind, and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

Let thy way be known upon earth,

And thy saving health among all nations.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

BLESSED be the name of the Lord, from
this time forth and for evermore :

*And blessed be the Lord God of our fathers,
unto all generations, world without end.*

In Thee we live, and move, and have our
being :

*Thou holdest our soul in life, and satisfiest
the desire of every living thing.*

Let us pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who upholdest and pre-
servest all things, and art the source of
every blessing, for all mercies received by us
we bless and praise thy name. O Thou in
whom we live, and move, and have our being,
we offer and present unto Thee our souls and
our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our
words and our deeds, to be a living and con-

tinual sacrifice unto Thee. We are not our own ; therefore would we glorify Thee in our bodies and our spirits, which are thine.

Amen.

II.

PRESERVE us this day, we beseech Thee, from all sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of what Thou hast intrusted to our care ; and forasmuch as the business of this life is apt to steal our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to live as seeing him who is invisible. In our temptations guard us, and in all difficulty uphold us. Guide us by thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the
Lord :

*To show forth his loving-kindness in the
morning, and his faithfulness every night.*

O come, let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, Thou art our God ;
Early will we seek Thee.

Every day will we give thanks,
And praise thy name for ever and ever.

Thou openest thine hand,
*And fillest all living things with plenteous-
ness.*

II.

WE come into thy presence with humbled
and lowly hearts.

Have mercy upon us, good Lord.

We have sinned against Heaven and in thy sight.

We are not worthy to be called thy children.

Yet there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

Unto us belong shame and confusion of face, for we have rebelled against Thee.

Unto the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him.

Have mercy upon us, O God.

We confess our faults each one ;

And we turn from all our sins unto Thee, O Lord.

We beseech Thee to forgive and to absolve us,

Granting us both pardon and peace.

We dedicate ourselves anew unto thy service, giving up our heart and mind, body and soul, to righteousness,

That we may serve Thee in newness of life.

III.

WE give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies toward us ;

Who holdest our soul in life, and sufferest not our feet to slip.

Who hearest the cry of the lowly ;
And satisfiest the hungry with good things.
Who comfortest all that mourn ;
And givest gladness to the upright in heart.
Who bringest out of darkness and the
shadow of death ;
And breakest the bonds of the captive.
Who makest glad our pilgrimage on the
earth ;
And settest open to us the gates of life.

IV.

O LORD, be Thou our Shepherd, and we
shall not want.

*Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for thy
name's sake.*

Lead us in thy truth, and teach us ;

*For Thou art the God of our salvation, and
on Thee do we wait all the day.*

Teach us, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,

And we shall keep it unto the end.

Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity,

And quicken us in thy way.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

BLESSED art Thou, Lord God of our fathers ;

The refuge of all that put their trust in Thee : from everlasting to everlasting.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the victory, and the majesty ;

For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

On Thee all things do wait, and all thy creatures need thy care.

Thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Every moment, and in all places of thy dominion, Thou showest mercy unto thousands and tens of thousands.

Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, and of their children, for evermore.

Let us pray.

I.

O GOD, the Giver of all good things, unto Thee do we lift up our souls, beseeching Thee to reveal thyself unto us. There is none like unto Thee, O Lord, who dwellest on high, yet who beholdest the things of the earth; who deliverest our eyes from tears, our feet from falling, and our souls from death. Unto Thee do we give thanks for ever and ever.

Amen.

II.

PRESERVE us, we beseech Thee, this day, in health of body, and in soberness of mind, in freedom and tranquillity of spirit, in patience of hope, in purity and righteousness of heart, in holy living, and in the continual service of the truth.

Amen.

III.

LET thy law be the light of our minds, thy presence the joy of our hearts. To do thy will may we take delight, and rejoice in thy commandments for ever. Grant us grace to order our lives according to thy word.

Amen.

IV.

WE pray for our brethren, for our friends
and fellow-creatures, for thy Church,
and for the world.

O God, bless the Queen ;

And guide all the rulers of the world.

Comfort those who mourn and are sad ;

*And have mercy upon all who err and wander
from Thee.*

Do Thou restore the penitent ;

*And lift on them the light of thy counte-
nance.*

Have mercy upon the sick and the dying ;

And raise up them that be bowed down.

O Lord, let our prayer come before Thee as
incense ;

*And the lifting up of our hands as the morn-
ing sacrifice.*

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

OUR voice shalt Thou hear in the morning,
O Lord.

*In the morning will we direct our prayer
unto Thee, and will look up.*

O Lord, open Thou our lips :

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us Pray.

I.

THOU sole Source of light, Treasure of good, and Giver of life to all mankind, accept our thanksgivings, we beseech Thee, for thy perpetual mercy. Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee ; our fathers' God, we will exalt Thee. Thou art the strength and the joy of our hearts ; we will worship Thee, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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II.

WE acknowledge and confess our sins :
Grant us thy pardon and thy peace.

We turn from all our transgressions unto
Thee ;

Deliver us from their captivity, O Lord.

We devote ourselves unto Thee this day,
That we may serve Thee in newness of life.

We would live in thy light always, that so
we may foresee the things that impede our
steps,

*And in thy strength be enabled to subdue
them ;*

Doing our work because it is thy will,
And rejoicing in it, as appointed us by Thee.

So may we keep the light within our souls,
And be transformed by it continually ;

Out of weakness being made strong, and
going on from strength to strength,

Until we are established in righteousness.

III.

O LORD our God, accept, we beseech Thee,
the prayers which thy servants now make
unto Thee. Manifest thyself unto us, feeling

after Thee, and seeking Thee in the shades of ignorance. Scatter our darkness, Thou Source of light and of wisdom. Stretch forth thy hand to help us, who cannot without Thee come to Thee. And preserve us this day, and all our days, from error and from every evil.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eleventh Service.

HOW excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God;

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the goodness of thy house;

And Thou shalt make them to drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with Thee is the fountain of life;

And in thy light shall we see light.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU who hast awakened us again after sleep, we bless Thee for the light of this day and for the duties which await us. Keep us, we beseech Thee, steadfast at our work, and patient in the doing of thy will. Renew

thy strength in us, and replenish us with the graces of thy Spirit. O Thou in whom we have trusted, vouchsafe to keep us this day without sin, and, if it please Thee, in prosperity and peace.

Amen.

II.

ALmighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to grant us a knowledge of thyself. Increase this knowledge in us continually, we beseech Thee.

Amen.

III.

WE humbly thank Thee that Thou dost regenerate us by thy Holy Spirit, and incorporate us with thy Church, uniting us and all our brethren in spiritual fellowship with thyself; and we humbly beseech Thee, that being thus united, we may remain the servants of righteousness all our days.

Amen.

IV.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, who hast taught us not to think of ourselves only, but also of the wants of others, we remember before Thee all who are burdened

and oppressed ; those whose hopes have been crushed, and whose purposes are overthrown. We remember all who are afflicted by poverty, or worn down by illness ; the weary and the heavy laden ; those who are enduring wrong, or suffering for righteousness' sake ; those also who are in darkness or despair.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

And we commend unto Thee, O Thou Father of our spirits, those who are about to depart this life, beseeching Thee to grant unto them the spirit of tranquillity and trustfulness. May they put their hope in Thee ; and, having passed through the valley of shadow in peace, may they enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

We remember also all those once known to us on the earth, who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the light of thy presence. Continue thy mercy and loving-kindness unto them, we beseech Thee, for evermore. These things we ask through him who has taught us to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Twelfth Service.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We stretch forth our hands unto Thee, our soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

Cause us to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust.

Enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Let us Pray.

I. .

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, help us at this time, with one accord and with true hearts, to worship Thee ;

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

Our souls cleave unto the dust :

Revive and quicken us according to thy word.

Be not silent unto us, O Lord :

*Lest if Thou be silent we be like unto them
that go down into the pit.*

Take not thy Holy Spirit from us :

*But take our feet out of the snares of temp-
tation.*

Set our feet upon the Rock :

And order all our goings.

II.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who leadest us by a way we know not, may the experience of our fathers be a light unto their children. May the voice of that Word that speaketh unto all men go before us, and keep us in the right way. Through all the changes of time may thy children find a refuge in thine unchangeableness. Be Thou a pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, showing us the way wherein we should walk ; that so having journeyed patiently and hopefully through all this great and wide desert, we may at length, of thy mercy, enter into rest.

Amen.

III.

LEAVING the things that are too high for us, in quietness and confidence would we find our strength. We beseech Thee to inspire us more and more with all the virtues of thy children. Grant us strength sufficient for this day's work, that by the doing of thy will we may increase our light.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Thirteenth Service.

LET us lift up our hearts and our voices unto
the Lord ;

For he is great and greatly to be praised.

Yea, unto the Lord our God let us lift them
up ;

*For he is worthy to receive honour, and glory,
and power, ever world without end.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty ;

*Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of
thy glory.*

Let us Pray.

I.

WE bless and praise Thee, O Lord our God,
that Thou art never distant from us.
When we are in darkness, and see Thee not,
help us still to trust that the heavens are full
of light. In our perplexity we would re-

member that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

Amen.

II.

WE thank Thee for all that Thou unfoldest and revealest through the veil of earthly things ; and for thoughts which have strengthened us to work patiently, to endure steadfastly, and to continue in the doing of thy will. O Thou, who hast taught us that all things work together for good to them that love Thee, enable us to trust in that changeless Will which works within our changeful life, to guide it everlastingly.

Amen.

III.

WHEN we are weary of work and think it fruitless, when the light of our life has become dim, and our duty is hard because it seems unprofitable, help us, O God, we beseech Thee, to think of thy patience and long-suffering ; that so, we may again take up our labour and our burdens, and persevere with them unto the end.

Amen.

IV.

HAVE compassion, we pray Thee, upon all those, whose hearts are touched with sorrow, whose spirits are troubled or cast down within them. O Lord, remember those to whom the burdens of this life bring dimness or darkness of soul. Send them help from above, and have mercy upon all who suffer, in body or mind, from whatever cause.

O Lord, have mercy upon them continually.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourteenth Service.

THE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in mercy.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Let us pray.

I.

O LORD, have mercy upon us, and hear us, as we confess our unworthiness and our sins.

We call to mind our weak resolves, our broken vows, our unfinished work, our unprofitable hours and days, our foolish desires and wasted opportunities. O Lord, we are humbled as we think of our indolence, our negligence, our faint-heartedness, and failure in attaining to that to which we might have attained. Yet because of thy long-suffering, which bears and forbears with us, show us thy forgiveness, we

beseech Thee, and grant that we may truly repent and amend our ways.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who workest in thy children both to will and to do the things that please Thee, grant that the thought of thy presence may preserve us from evil. May the memory of thy love, and the expectation of thy mercy inspire us with fresh hope in all our disappointments and losses; and, knowing that Thou art our Father, may we continue patient in all our work and duty.

Amen.

III.

FROM our wanderings do Thou restore us, O Thou Shepherd of our souls. From our errors deliver us, and from the bonds of our sins release us, O Thou Father of our spirits. Teach us to desire that which Thou dost desire. Strengthen us with all might by thy Spirit in the inner man, and reveal to us the glory of a life that is devoted to thy will.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU who art the light of our eyes and the strength of our hearts, reveal thyself unto us, we beseech Thee, more and more. As great duties await us, give us both an earnest mind and a courageous heart to meet them; and if new trials are before us, grant us, O Lord, an ever patient spirit to endure thy will. We offer unto Thee our thoughts and desires, our wills and affections, our plans and future purposes, that they may be always guided and inspired by Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifteenth Service.

OFFER the sacrifices of righteousness, and
put your trust in the Lord.

*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open unto their cry.*

Draw nigh to God,

And he will draw nigh to you.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, Thou art our God, early will we
seek Thee;

*We will lift up our hands in thy name, and
bless Thee while we live.*

Thou hast been our dwelling-place, in all
generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Day unto day declareth thy goodness, and
telleth of thy mercy.

*We praise and magnify thy name, ever world
without end.*

For all that Thou hast done for us, we give
Thee thanks :

*For all that we have left undone, or done
amiss, we ask thy mercy.*

II.

SPIRIT of Truth guide us into all truth.
Scatter our darkness, and let the light of
thy countenance be upon us for ever. We
beseech Thee in thy wisdom to make us wise.

Cleanse us from secret faults. Create clean
hearts within us. Strengthen us by thine
almighty power, and establish our lives in
righteousness.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, who
knowest our frame, and who knowest also
the trials with which we are encompassed,
grant to each of us, we beseech Thee, the
grace we need. We would not spend our
strength in lamentations, but arise to do thy
will. Save us from all that is morbid, and all
that is foolish. Make us natural in our de-
sires ; simple, sincere, and true of heart in all

our purposes ; and, in our whole life earnest, and without guile.

Amen.

IV.

WE dedicate our lives unto thy service. We commend our work unto thy guidance. Guard our going out, and our coming in. Let thy fatherly hand be upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow. Guide us by thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us to thyself.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixteenth Service.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :

To all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :

He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.

Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
And grant us thy salvation.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU Lord of heaven and earth, unto whom all hearts are open, we thank Thee that Thou knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Help us at this hour to pray. Thou compassest our path

for ever, and art acquainted with all our ways. We beseech Thee to rule our spirits this day, to elevate our desires, and to purify our aspirations. Sweeten our tempers, and make us more true-hearted and tender-hearted from day to day.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, make us just and merciful, discreet and humble. Sanctify our sorrows and our losses. Create in us clean hearts, and quicken in us good desires. Restrain us from all excess, and from the sins that most easily beset us. Make us simple and sincere. O Lord, give unto us a purer inward eye, and a humbler heart than heretofore.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

III.

DEEPEN our love of goodness; and guide our actions this day to what is fruitful of good. May we be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; and, in lowliness of mind, may each esteem others better than themselves.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventeenth Service.

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O Lord, great
God of all the earth;

*And unto Thee shall the glory be ascribed,
ever world without end.*

Thou appointest, and ordainest, and rulest
over all;

*And Thou guidest the affairs of the world
for ever.*

Thou art the life of all that lives; Thou
causest every creature to rejoice;

*And Thou crownest our years with thy good-
ness.*

O Lord, we dedicate ourselves unto Thee
this day, and implore thy blessing;

*And we beseech Thee to lead us in a plain
path, that we may go on from strength to
strength.*

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD our God, the Guardian of our life and Source of all our joy, when Thou revealest thyself our minds are filled with light, and our hearts repose in the peace that passeth understanding. Thou art the refuge of all souls, the comforter of all hearts, and the strength of all the thoughts that seek Thee. Inspire us evermore with thy free Spirit, that we may be constant in every duty, and fearless in following thy light; that we may be strong to suffer, and patient to endure.

Amen.

II.

SO fill us with thy love, we beseech Thee, that all selfishness may perish within us, and that peace and goodwill may abound in our hearts toward all mankind; that we may be ready to help one another always, as we have opportunity; and that our hearts may be full of tenderness toward every living thing.

Amen.

III.

O THOU whose mercy endureth for ever,
unto Thee do we look up,

*Beseeching Thee to grant us the desires of our
hearts that turn toward Thee.*

Like as a father pitieth his children, the
Lord pitieth us ;

*And as a father teacheth, teach Thou us, O
Lord.*

We take refuge in thine everlasting mercy,
in thy truth and graciousness, which endure
for ever.

*Bless us, O Lord, in thy tender mercy, this day
and all our days.*

And thine shall be the glory, ever world
without end.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighteenth Service.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord, most high,
*Who art above all, and through all, and
in us all.*

In Thee we live, and move, and have our
being,

*And Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all
generations.*

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord
God Almighty ;

*Just and true are thy ways, Thou King of
saints.*

With Thee is the fountain of life ;
And in thy light, shall we see light.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, most holy, merciful and mighty,
compose our spirits, we beseech Thee now,
that we may approach Thee, the invisible, with

reverence and true humility. And if there be any unworthy thought in our minds, any foolish desire in our hearts, or any unkindly feeling towards our fellow-men, may thy Spirit, pursuing us, cast them out ; that so, with one accord, and in singleness of heart, we may unite in thy worship. Without guile would we worship Thee, in spirit and in truth.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, who art the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Centre on which we rest, in faith and hope would we draw near to Thee, and with love shed abroad in our hearts. O Lord, open Thou our eyes, and we shall see the wondrous things of thy universe ; make us pure in heart, and we shall see thyself for ever ; open Thou our ears, and we shall hear the words of thy law. May thy voice direct us, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.

Amen.

III.

O THOU who inhabitest eternity, but who dwellest also in the humble and the contrite heart, dwell in us, we beseech Thee, and make us like unto thyself, rich in good works

continually. Thou who satisfiest the hungry with good things, make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness that we may be filled therewith. Direct us this day, O Lord, in the way of thy commandments. Strengthen us with all might by thy Spirit in the inner man; and make us true of heart, patient and earnest in every good work.

Amen.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before his presence, with exceeding joy,

To him be glory throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Nineteenth Service.

THERE is none like unto Thee, O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and beholdest the things of the earth ;

*Who art exalted above all blessing and praise,
in the heaven of heavens eternally ;*

Yet who regardest the children of men, and answerest when they call ;

*Who deliverest our eyes from tears, our feet
from falling, and our souls from death.*

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls ;
Send us help out of thy holy heavens.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALmighty God, in whom is no darkness at all, grant us thy light perpetually, and when we cannot see the way before us, may we continue to put our trust in Thee, that so being

guided and guarded by thine omnipotence, we may be kept from falling, and finally enter into thy rest.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, grant us thy help in the work of this day, that every duty may be done with earnestness, fidelity, and zeal. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon us, preserving us from error and rash judgment, from sloth and from all things hurtful. Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from envy, pride, and vainglory; from the covetousness which is idolatry, and from the uncharitableness which is death. We would live at peace with all men; opposed only to that which is evil. Enable us to lay aside all bitterness and wrath and evil-speaking, with all malice. May we continue in true humility, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us.

Amen.

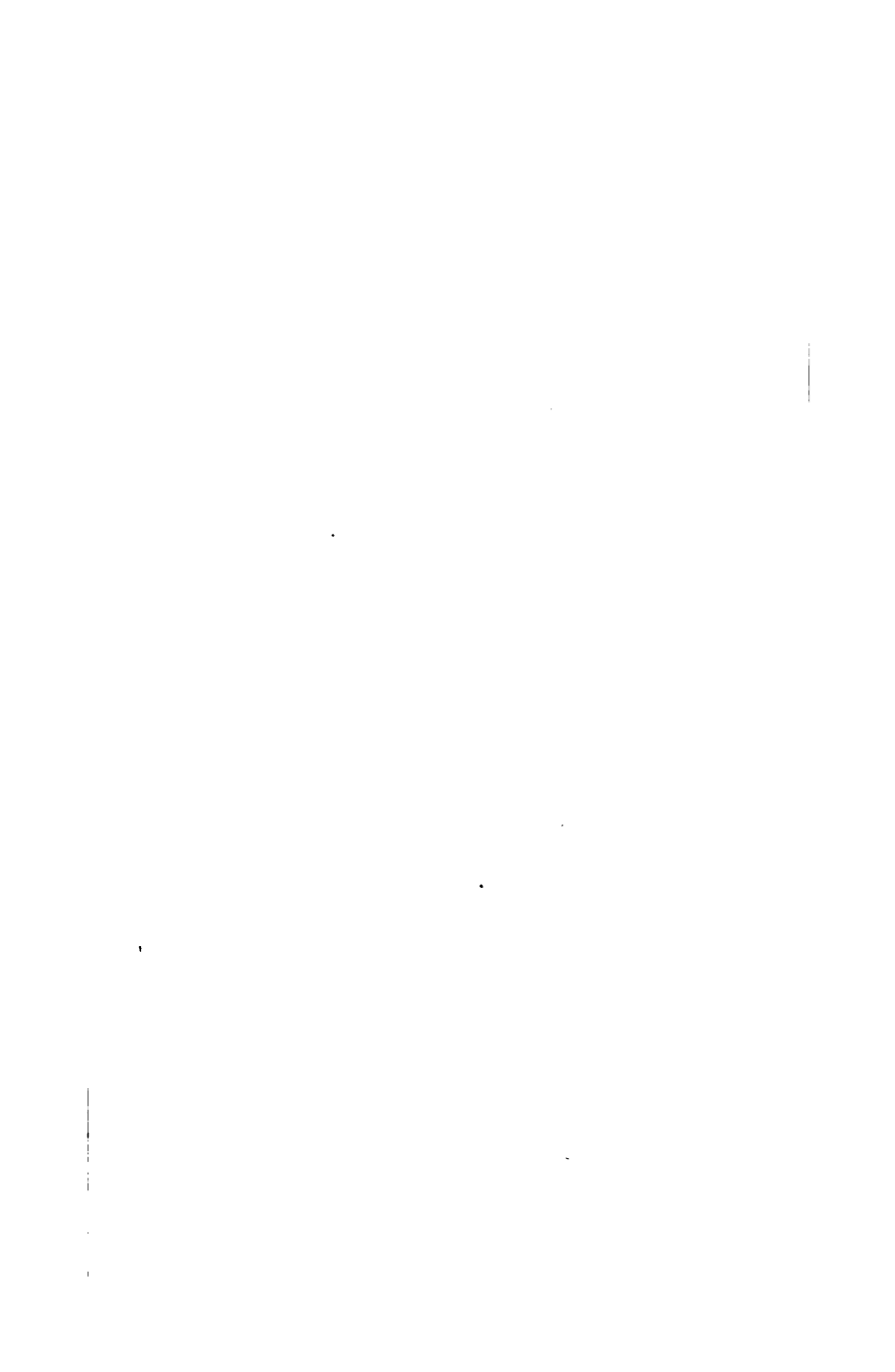
III.

BLESS all who worship Thee; from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Upon every soul in darkness may thy light shine. May thy children who are now

in sorrow wait patiently upon Thee in trustful submission to thy will. Vouchsafe to hear them when they call upon Thee, and grant them succour and relief. We commend unto Thee, in silence, those whom we know to be at at this time in any adversity. Give them a patient spirit, and, in due time, a happy issue out of trouble.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.



PART FOURTH.

Evening Services.



First Service.

THE day is thine, O Lord ; the night also is thine.

My soul wait thou only upon God : for my expectation is from him.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O Lord.

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, we would close this day by thoughts of Thee, and of the help and strength there is for us in Thee. If any thought of ours this day has been vain or foolish, if any deed has been unworthy, do Thou forgive it. Teach us, we pray Thee, wherein we have failed, that we may know how to amend our ways; and guard

us by thy perpetual aid, that we turn not again to folly. Give us light, that we may follow in the ways of righteousness for ever.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who neither slumberest nor sleepest, guard us, we beseech Thee, in the hours of rest; and may the helplessness of sleep teach us our dependence upon Thee. We take no thought for the morrow, but cast our cares on Him who careth for us; and we beseech Thee to have compassion on those who this night are burdened with perplexity, or are troubled by manifold cares and distractions. Help them to commit all cares unto Thee, to possess their souls in patience; and may the peace of God console them.

We would lie down in peace, and sleep;

For Thou, Lord, only makest us to dwell in safety.

OUR Father, &c.

Second Service.

A BIDE with us, O Lord, for it is towards evening :

And the day is far spent.

The day is thine, O Lord :

The night also is thine.

Blessed be the name of the Lord :

From this time forth, even for evermore.

Let us Pray.

O THOU, who rulest and guardest the children of men Thyself unseen, at the close of the day we come to confess our failures, our unworthiness, and our sins, and to ask thy mercy and forgiveness. Do Thou compose our spirits, that they may rest in Thee. Pardon us, we beseech Thee, whereinsoever we have erred this day, in judgment, or in desire ; in thought, speech, or behaviour. Cleanse us

from secret faults; and follow us with thine everlasting mercy. Grant us grace to order our lives, according to thy will. O Lord, enrich us with thy perpetual blessing, and enable us to live in charity with all men. Uphold us by thy free Spirit; clothe us with inward might; and endue us with true humility. Abide with us for ever, and inspire us with new hope, zeal, and patience. We would compose ourselves to rest, at peace with Thee, and with all the world; rejoicing that both while we sleep and when we awake, thy light is around us, and thy presence overshadows us.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

GLORY to God in the highest ;
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
Let us lift up our hearts unto Heaven ;
Yea, unto the Lord, let us lift them up.

Let us Pray.

I.

OTHOU, who art the blessed and the only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who only hast immortality, dwelling in light to which no man can approach, Thou art the everlasting Light of the world, though clouds and darkness are round about Thee. Our hearts would repose always in Thee, the Infinite, the Eternal, the Omnipotent, and the ever Blessed.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who art the Orderer of the affairs of the world, unto Thee do we look up, with trustful and with hopeful hearts. We commend ourselves unto thy care; we commit ourselves unto thy guidance, both now and always; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, ever world without end.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who pervadest and animatest all that lives, Thou who art the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Centre on which we rest; help us to put our trust in Thee for ever. Enable us also to surrender our wills to thine, and to sacrifice each desire, that is contrary to thy law.

Amen.

IV.

WE thank Thee for peace and quiet, and for the rest that refreshes us and fits us for toil. Since the night cometh in which we cannot work, help us to work while it is day, and while we labour may we still repose in Thee; our confidence in the Truth standing

fast, and our trust in the Eternal Righteousness never failing. May we love increasingly that which is noble and holy, and hate all that is evil and base. Teach us to be just, and humble, and merciful to all. May selfishness be put away from us, that we may live as the children of the light and of the day.

Amen.

Whether we live, may we live unto Thee ;
and if we die, may we die unto Thee.

Living or dying, we would be thine always.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us :
And cause his face to shine upon us.

From the rising of the sun, unto the going
down of the same,

The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayer be set forth before Thee as
incense, O Lord ;

*And the lifting up of our hands as the even-
ing sacrifice.*

Let us pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us the day
for labour, and the night for rest, we
thank Thee for the opportunities of work we
have this day enjoyed, and for whereinsoever
we may have done thy will in humility ; but,
forasmuch as we are always unprofitable ser-

vants, grant us thy forbearance and forgiveness. Give unto us this night, and to all for whom we pray, thy gift of quiet sleep. When we awake, may it be to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, and to do thy will more perfectly than we have done it hitherto.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of the spirits of all flesh, be pleased so to illumine all souls with thy light, that, in growing unity with Thee, they may be sharers of the life everlasting.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

O LORD, Thou hast searched us, and known us :

Thou knowest our down-sitting, and our up-rising ; Thou understandest our thought afar off.

Thou compassest our path, and our lying down :

And art acquainted with all our ways.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts :

Try us, and know our ways :

And see if there be any wicked way in us :

And lead us in the way everlasting.

Let us pray.

I.

O THOU, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day, grant that in thy presence we may lay aside all disguises, and the veils that so often wrap us round ; and

may realise that, wheresoever we are, we live in Thee. Let not the nearness and the custom of thy presence hide Thee from our eyes, but remove from us all those hindrances to light, and to the knowledge of Thyself, which in our folly we create.

Amen.

II.

WE bless Thee for thy mercies which have followed us this day, and at all times. It is Thou who hast brought us hitherto, showing us thy goodness and mercifully forgiving our sin. Shed on us now thy holy light, and give us rest to body and to soul. Preserve us in safety from outward peril, and from inward confusion; and recall us on the morrow to a steadfast purpose, and a ready mind to do thy will.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the Father of all men, may thy children everywhere receive from Thee according to their need. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Show thy mercy, we beseech Thee, to all whom we bear on our hearts before Thee: all who are dear to us, or connected with us in

any way ; all known to us, who are in distress of mind or of body ; and all unknown, who are now experiencing sorrow. Let thy comfort sustain them while the day of adversity lasts, and grant them a happy issue out of trouble.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,

To show forth his loving-kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night.

Because Thou hast been our help,

Therefore, in the shadow of thy wings will we rejoice.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALmighty God, in whom we have our being, and with whom are the springs of our life, help us to trust Thee more and more ; and that we may know Thee as our Father, reveal thyself unto us increasingly, we pray Thee. We believe that Thou carest for us, and that Thou art ever near us. Lift upon us the light

of thy countenance, we beseech Thee, and aid us to walk uprightly, while we live and labour amongst the things of the world.

Amen.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for thy name's sake.

Make thy way plain before our face.

We have not attained, neither are we already perfect, but unto Thee, O Lord, do we look up, while we set our faces toward the light. We desire to live upright lives, in all simplicity and sincerity.

Amen.

II.

WE ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, that is pure and peaceable, full of good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Teach us to think soberly of ourselves, as we ought to think; to seek and to find the good that is in our neighbours, and to bear each other's burdens always. Make us perfect in every good work, to do thy will.

Thy Spirit is good; lead us into the land of uprightness.

III.

SHINE on us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and we shall be the children of the light. Let integrity and uprightness preserve us, and we shall not depart from thy commandments. Let thy love rule within our hearts, and the charity, which is the bond of perfectness, shall inspire us in all our ways.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Let our prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, O Lord ;

And the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let us Pray.

I.

HEAVENLY Father, we kneel before Thee this evening to receive thy blessing. We thank Thee for thy constant goodness ; for the bounty which has this day supplied our wants ; for the providence which has kept us from harm, and led us in the paths of peace ; for the grace given us to speak true

words and to do good deeds; for the long-suffering that has borne with our unworthiness; and for the forgiveness that has taken away our sin.

Bless the Lord, O our soul, and all that is within us bless his holy name.

II.

INCREASE in us, good Lord, the sense of thy presence, and the hope of thy favour. Deliver us from all faint-heartedness, restlessness, and anxiety of spirit; confirm our wavering purposes; create in us new desires after truth and virtue; and make us brave and resolute to do all the good we know. Whereinsoever we have done amiss, may we now receive thy fatherly forgiveness; and grant us in all future time a sense of thy gracious encouragement. Having thy peace shed abroad in our heart, may we be ready for every duty, and serene in every trial.

Our soul trusteth in Thee, O God;

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will we find our refuge.

III.

TO the eternal faithfulness and mercy, do we commend all who are dear to us. Upon every soul in adversity, or darkness, do Thou cause thy light to shine.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

OUR soul waiteth for the Lord ; in his word
do we hope ;

For his mercy endureth for ever.

O Lord, open Thou our lips ;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Let us pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who art never far from
any one of us, who givest us our daily
bread and all things richly to enjoy, who
comfortest us in trouble, and liftest us up when
we are bowed down, who providest whatsoever
is necessary alike for the body and the soul,
unto Thee do we render thanks at the close of
the day.

Unto Thee do we give thanks always.

II.

FATHER of mercies, who understandest our weakness and frailty, who forgivest our iniquities, and healest our diseases, and who delightest to sustain and to strengthen us, we put our whole trust in Thee.

Unto Thee do we lift up our souls.

III.

O THOU Father of the spirits of all flesh, who hast gifts to bestow upon thy children ever world without end, grant, we beseech Thee, unto us and to our brethren, a larger measure of thy Light, that so we may attain unto a fuller knowledge of Thyself, and may become increasingly what Thou art, by the constant doing of thy will.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, although we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

We will arise and go to our Father, and will say unto him, Father, we have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy sons.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD, unto whom all hearts are known, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins; and we beseech Thee to pardon us whereinsoever we have come short, and where-

insoever we have offended. Remember not our transgressions, O Lord, neither regard our offences ; and forasmuch as Thou delightest to show mercy, forgive our unworthiness, and absolve us from our sin. Cleanse us from all secret faults, and reveal to us those of which we are ignorant. Strengthen us with all might, by thy Spirit. Establish our hearts in thy law, and enable us to live according to thy will.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.

II.

O GOD, the Fountain of mercy, and Giver of all good things, we bless Thee for thine everlasting love, for the Providence that neither slumbers nor sleeps, for thine unfailing grace and tender care. Day unto day declareth thy goodness unto men, and telleth of thy mercy to every living thing.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ;

For his mercy endureth for ever.

Guide us by thy counsel while we live,

And afterward receive us into glory.

III.

SPIRIT of Truth, lead us into all wisdom. Scatter our darkness, we pray Thee ; and let the light of thy countenance be around us for ever. God of our fathers, be the guide of their children. Let thy fatherly hand be upon us, in sickness and in health, and we shall evermore praise Thee with joyful lips.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and for evermore.

Let us pray.

I.

THY mercy, O Lord, is from everlasting to everlasting. It is new every day and fresh every moment. Both when we sleep and when we wake, it is around us: and it blesses us when we know it not.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls in thanksgiving.

Save us, O Lord, by thine almighty power, from evil thoughts and every secret sin: deliver us from all snares and temptations, and conform us to the image of thy Son, until we are perfectly like him, in thy heavenly kingdom.

Amen.

II.

ABIDE with us, O Lord, for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent. O Thou, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be with us this night; guarding us from all evil, both of the body and of the soul, and granting us quiet and refreshing rest, that we may rise in the morning, fit for thy service.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us ; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

Amen.

Eleventh Service.

HEAR, O Lord, when we cry with our voice :
Have mercy upon us, and answer us.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye my face,

*Our heart said unto Thee, thy face, Lord, will
we seek.*

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who hast showed to us thy eternal power and godhead in the things which Thou hast made ; Thou, who hast spoken unto our fathers at sundry times and in divers manners, by the prophets of old ; Thou, who hast sent forth thy Son into the world, in the fulness of time, that we might receive the adoption of sons,—speak also unto us, we beseech Thee, now, that we may turn our hearts to Thee ; and declare unto us thy righteous, and thy holy will.

We wait on Thee, O Lord.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us to be holy as Thou art holy, and who hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to all them that ask it of Thee, mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee. Give us grace to put off the works of darkness, and to turn our faces unto Thee, O Thou who art Light, and in whom there is no darkness at all.

Amen.

III.

GRANT us a sense of thy presence, that we may feel we are not alone, and that we live to serve not ourselves but Thee. Give us true wisdom, that we may know what is right, and cleave to it steadfastly. Grant us a living faith in Thee, that we may walk, not in the flesh but in the spirit, and by the power of invisible things. Give us constant charity; that our judgments may be those of truth and soberness, and not of passion or jealousy; and that we may regard all men as brethren. In our temptations strengthen us; in our solitude support us; in our sorrows comfort us; and in times of anxiety and fear, do Thou teach us how to put our whole trust in Thee.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twelfth Service.

I WILL say of the Lord, he is my refuge
and my fortress: my God; in him will I
trust.

*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth
shall be thy shield and buckler.*

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by
night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

*Nor for the pestilence that walketh in dark-
ness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at
noonday.*

For he shall give his angels charge over
thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

*They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest
thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

Let us Pray.

I.

WE praise and glorify Thee, O God; we lift
up our heart and voice, to bless Thee
for thine everlasting goodness and truth. Great

art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised ; thy greatness is unsearchable. Thou hast made all things very good. All life and love, all beauty and happiness, come from Thee. Thou rulest over the whole world, governing it with laws that never can be broken. Thou doest good to all men, and to all living things continually.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty ;

Just and true are all thy ways, Thou King of saints.

II.

O GOD, who art faithful and just to forgive them that confess their sins, and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness, we humbly acknowledge our faults of passion and temper, of indolence and selfishness, by which we have offended against Thee, and against the law of Jesus Christ, our Master ; and since we cannot make excuse, we cast ourselves on thy pity and forgiveness.

Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us :

According as our trust is in Thee.

III.

HEAVENLY Father, who art ready to give thy Holy Spirit to all them that ask Thee, look in mercy on our weakness, and grant us thy grace that we may truly serve Thee. Lead us, we pray Thee, in peaceful paths, that we may not be too sorely tried. Wheresoever we are and whatsoever we are doing, may we remember that Thou art with us, and may we never cease to love Thee.

Teach us to do thy will : for Thou art our God.

Thy Spirit is good : lead us unto the land of uprightness.

IV.

O LORD God, the life of mortals, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead ; grant us a tranquil night, free from all disturbance, that, after quiet sleep we may awake, ready for thy service.

God be gracious unto us, and give us all a heart to serve him, and to do his will with a good courage and a willing mind.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the

knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us, and remain with us always.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Service for Christmas.

GLORY to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 Our souls do magnify the Lord,
And our spirits rejoice in God their Saviour.

Let us Pray.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we unite this day, with thy whole Church throughout the world, in celebrating the birth of thy Son, Jesus Christ. We bless Thee for his rising on our darkness, as the Sun of righteousness, the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. And we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to grant us that spirit of gladness with which thy children in every age have on this day rejoiced in Thee, that our thanksgiving may rise as incense from our hearts. May the Spirit of thy Son be formed within us, alike in our thoughts, feelings, and desires, and in all our speech and behaviour. Make us

meek and lowly in heart ; true, sincere, and without guile ; patient in all tribulation, fearless in following thy light, and steadfast in the doing of thy will. Bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, such love and charity as was his, to whom it was more blessed to give than to receive, and who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. May the same mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, while we keep the festival of his great humility, dedicating ourselves to the service of all who are in need.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of thy holy child Jesus hast given us a great Light to dawn upon our darkness, grant, we pray Thee, that in his light we may see light to the end of our days. And bestow upon us, here assembled, that most excellent Christmas gift of charity to all men, that so the likeness of thy Son may be found in us ; and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS.

O GOD our Father, who at this season didst send down thy Son to be born into flesh; Thou whom the innumerable company of the heavenly host did praise, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill toward men;" grant that the kingdoms of the world may be joined together in unity; send forth among all men friendship and reconciliation; let them forgive whose brethren have offended, and let them repent who have offended their brethren; that so we thy children upon earth may be gathered into one united family, concordantly praising Thee, and blessing Thee for the great Redemption.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

THE END.

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